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Subject: OPSEC reply for Consolidated Senior Leader Messages

ALCON,

Air Force Senior Leadership is requesting assistance with recruiting and reducing unauthorized OPSEC / CUI releases to the general public.

Please review the following OPSEC guidance for recruiting assistance and reducing unauthorized releases to the general public:

CSAF - We need help recruiting - opportunities to open up your squadrons to local personnel to show them what we do.

If you wish to assist with the recruiting please notify your squadron leadership before proceeding and review the Public Release information below. Please remember, when speaking at these type of events you representing the Air Force. Whether you are at Eglin AFB or a GSU location, please consult with 53 WG Public Affairs office prior to speaking on this

issue. They can better prepare you for your event.

CSAF - We need to do better on OPSEC - I think you all got this, but I'll add my two cents. The AF had an incident recently where videos from the flightline were posted on Amn/NCO Facebook page where an aircraft had an engine malfunction that resulted in a fire. Additionally, an internal brief about the sustainment of the A-10 was leaked to the public, which makes it more difficult for SecAF and CSAF to message Congress on modernization. We are our own worst enemy when we don't practice good OPSEC.

OPSEC identifies and protects key operational and mission support information. Poor OPSEC practices and unauthorized Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) disclosures have resulted in loss of life and mission compromise. Please refrain and think carefully before posting work related information, or something that happened on your base to social media. A post to social media goes around the world quickly to friends and adversaries alike. Refrain from discussing "shop talk" outside of your work center/office, everyone doesn't need to know that information.

From the 53 WG OPSEC Plan:

2.10. PUBLIC RELEASE. This information is intended for individuals who wish to release information concerning the Air Force and/or 53 WG to the general public or outside agencies, examples include but are not limited to: news media, 53 WG website and social media sites, and/or speeches and presentations provided at symposiums. This is also for release to technical websites and periodicals.

2.10.1. In the event the 53 WG does not have a Public Affairs officer or if the 96 TW Public Affairs office is unable to perform this task, the 53 WG OPSEC Signature Manager will act as the Public Affairs officer for this and only this task.

2.10.2. Those who wish to release information should conduct initial coordination with SMEs and unit CIIL. The author then prepares the material and routes the package, along with appropriate cover sheets through their respective supervisor, branch chief, division chief, commander and/or director. The requester should then coordinate through the 53 WG Public Affairs office for final review and approval. 53 WG Public Affairs will, as applicable, coordinate with additional SMEs, CIILs, WG/CC and higher

headquarters PA.

2.10.2.1. The 53d Wing PAO, on behalf of the 53 WG/CC, is the release authority for all 53d Wing units, including Geographically Separated Units. The 53d Wing PAO will work with host unit PA offices if a local review is more applicable.

2.10.3. The 53 WG OPSEC Signature Manager along with the Unit OPSEC Coordinators will assist 53 WG Public Affairs and, as applicable, GSU Public Affairs Offices by providing up-to-date WG and unit CHLs. Thus ensuring Public Affairs is able to adhere to the policy of "maximum disclosure, minimum delay" without compromising OPSEC.

2.10.4. Please refer to AFI 35-102 for all Public Affairs' security and policy review procedures.

If you have any questions, concerns or issues please let me know

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FRIENDLY REMINDER: Check announcements often in our SharePoint (link below) for security updates.

53d Wing SharePoint:

<https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/53Wing/53wg/security/SitePages/Home.aspx>